

# Sunday, July 27, 2008

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 12

### The Music

Organ Prelude: "Harmonies Du Soir" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Opening Hymn: *O Worship the King* Hymnal 388

Gradual Hymn: *Spirit Divine Attend our Prayers* Hymnal 509

Communion Organ Anthem: "Berceuse" Louis Vierne

PostCommunion Hymn: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*  
(Pew Rack) verses 1,2, refrain, 3

Closing Hymn: *Come, Labor On* Hymnal 541

Postlude: "Pomp & Circumstance No. 2" Edward Elgar

### The Lectionary

#### The Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The First Reading—Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

#### The Psalm—Psalm 128 *Beati omnes*

1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD, \*  
and who follow in his ways!

2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; \*

happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, \*  
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

4 The man who fears the LORD \*  
shall thus indeed be blessed.

5 The LORD bless you from Zion, \*  
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the  
days of your life.

6 May you live to see your children's children; \*  
may peace be upon Israel.

#### The Second Reading—Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

#### THE GOSPEL—Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of

flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

*After the Gospel, the Priest says: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## The Announcements

**MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE** Please note that over the past few weeks we have made a slight change to the way we sing our Post Communion Hymn. We now sing verses 1, 2, refrain, and 3. This allows us to sing the entire prayer instead of a portion of it. (The music for this song can be found in the pew rack in or behind your blue Hymnal.)

**THE LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS FOR HEALING** Each Sunday at the 10:00 service "The Laying-On-Of-Hands for Healing" is offered. During Communion Chris Sutton will be available in the rear of the church, near the Baptismal Font, for anyone who wishes to receive the laying on of hands and prayers for healing. Simply go to her and tell her what kind of healing you want. She will then lay her hands on you and offer a prayer to our Lord for you.

**HYMNS** Father Stevenson is currently selecting the Hymns and service music. If you have a favorite hymn, please let us know! You can simply write the hymn name (and number if you know it) on the paper found in your pew and place it in the offertory plate OR contact Jennifer in the office [princeofpeace@epix.net](mailto:princeofpeace@epix.net) or 675-1723.

**COMPLINE & HEALING MEDITATION IN THE GARDEN** On **Thursday, July 31st at 7:00 pm** Chris Sutton will lead a service of Compline and Healing Meditation in the Memorial Garden. The service will be held rain or shine (we will move indoors if necessary).

**GUEST PREACHER** Next Sunday August 3rd, we will be joined by The Reverend David Newhart (son of Barbara & Bill Wentz). Father Dave will be preaching and co-celebrating the Eucharist at the 10:00 am service.

**USED BOOK SALE** The church is currently holding a Used Book Sale in the Parish Hall. Hardcover books are \$1.00 and paperback \$.50. For more information see/contact Beverly Cushner (675-2711).

**RUMMAGE SALE** The Rummage Sale will be held on **Friday & Saturday, September 5 & 6**. We welcome donations beginning **August 10th**. Please be sure that all items are in **GOOD** condition and note that this year we are **NOT** able to accept any electronic devices such as computers, televisions, etc.

## RECYCLING PROJECTS

In an effort to help our environment and raise a little money, we will be conducting the following recycling / fundraising projects.

- **ALUMINUM CANS**—On the **4th Sunday of each month** bring in your aluminum cans for recycling
- **NEWSPAPERS**—**Saturday & Sunday August 23 & 24**, we will be collecting newspapers (**ONLY** newspapers) for a recycling fundraiser. Spread the word to your families, friends, neighbors, etc. If you do not have a place to store the papers or for more information on this fundraiser please contact Terry Martin (675-9528).

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)** The women will be going out to lunch on Wednesday, August 20. All women of Prince of Peace are invited to attend. If you would like to attend, please meet at the church at 11:45 am.

## Ministers

<b>Celebrant / Preacher</b>	The Reverend James P Stevenson
<b>Supply Organist</b>	Bernard Gardzalla
<b>Lector / Intercessor</b>	Carl Goeringer
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Carl Goeringer
<b>Acolyte</b>	TBA
<b>Ushers / Oblationers</b>	Kim Jacobs, David Wright
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Jones, Mary Jillson-Stout
<b>Vestry Counter</b>	Linda Shrader



